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COUNTRY

NORTH VIETNAM.

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MID-JULY 1967

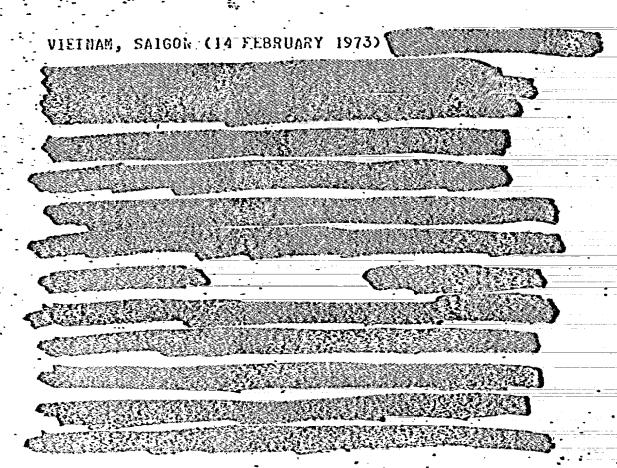
SUBJECT

SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PILOTS IN THIEU CHAU VILLAGE,

THIEU HOA DISTRICT, THANH HOA PROVINCE, MORTH VIETNAM

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SOURCE





1. AT ABOUT 1000 HOURS ONE DAY IN MID-JULY 1967, TWO U.S.

PILOTS WERE CAPTURED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) SOLDIERS

AFTER THEIR PLANES HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY MVA ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS

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AT THE HAM RONG BRIDGE, THANH HOA PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM.

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GAVE THE DATE OF HIS OBSERVATION
AS EARLY JUNE 1967 BY THE LUNAN CALENDAR. THIS WOULD MAKE THE

DATE OF HIS OBSERVATION ABOUT MID-JULY 1967 ON THE GREGORIAN

CALENDAR.) BOTH PILOTS BAILED OUT IN RED PARACHUTES. ONE OF

THEM LANDED IN A RICE FIELD IN THIEU CHAU VILLAGE, THIEU HOA DISTRICT,

THANK HOA PROVINCE, ABOUT SIX XILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF THE HAM RONG

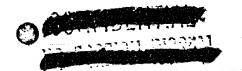
ERIDGE. THE OTHER PILOT LANDED IN AN UNIDENTIFIED VILLAGE IN DONG

SON DISTRICT, THANK HOA PROVINCE, ABOUT 19 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF

THE HAM RONG BRIDGE. THE FIRST PILOT'S PLANE CRASHED IN THIEU CHAU

VILLAGE, ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM WHERE THE PILOT LANDED.

2. AFTER BEING CAPTURED THE PILOT WHO LANDED IN DONG SON DISTRICT WAS BROUGHT TO THIEU CHAU VILLAGE ON AN NVA TRUCK. HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO GET OFF THE TRUCK AND AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES THE PILOT WHO WAS CAPTURED IN THIEU CHAU VILLAGE WAS ALSO PUT ON THE TRUCK AND THEY WERE BOTH DRIVEN AWAY IN THE DIRECTION OF HANOI.



OBSERVED THE PILOT CAPTURED IN THIEU CHAU VILLAGE FOR ABOUT 23 MINUTES AND THE OTHER PILOT FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AT A DISTANCE OF FOUR METERS.

- 3. BOTH PILOTS WERE CAUCASIAN, APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH,

  AND WERE NOT WOUNDED. THE PILOT WHO LANDED IN THIEU CHAU VILLAGE

  WAS ABOUT 27 YEARS OLD, 1.75 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOS,

  HAD A HEAVY BUILD, A WIDE FOREHEAD, A SQUARE FACE, AND BLOND,

  CREW-CUT HAIR. THE SECOND PILOT WAS ABOUT 22 YEARS OLD, WEIGHED

  BETWEEN 70 AND 80 KILOS, HAD BLOND HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS, AND WAS

  CLEAN SHAVEN.

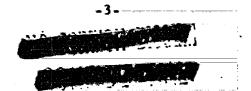
  WAS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE THE

  HEIGHT OF THIS PILOT SINCE THE PILOT WAS SEATED IN THE TRUCK.)

  BOTH PILOTS HAD THEIR FLIGHT-SUITS AND BOOTS TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM

  IN EXCHANGE FOR NORTH VIETNAMESE PAJAMAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY

  WERE CAPTURED.
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